

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT
February 2, 2012

NOI 2012-13 WMA Hunting Schedule with Kisatchie National Forest:
April 5, 2012 AMENDMENT

Under – Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA): Pages 24-25, see **change below in red**.

**Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District
(Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA):**

Primitive Firearms, Either-sex: Oct.20-21, still hunt only. Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 23, still hunt only. Firearms, Bucks only: Oct. 29, Nov. 3-22, 24-25, Dec.15-30, still hunt only.

• **Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Same as outside including Youth Hunt (Area 2) except still hunt only. Either-sex entire season.**

Other seasons on Entire KNF:

• **Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail & Migratory Game Birds: Same dates and bag limits as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.**

• **Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m.**

• **Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers: May be taken incidentally on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt until the daily or seasonal bag limit of game is taken. The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species, including hogs, is prohibited on KNF. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on KNF. Moving deer with organized drivers and standers, drivers, or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.**

• **Raccoons, Opossums, Fox (chase only) & Coyotes (nighttime, chase only): May be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 - Feb.28 only. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, except during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (Please see “Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons” section below for exceptions.)**

• **Crows, Blackbirds, Grackles & Cowbirds: May be taken Sept. 1 -Jan. 1 only.**

Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons (only for KNF areas outside National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve):

Except as otherwise allowed for deer hunting dogs that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round.

Hunting-dog training: from March 1- Sept. 30. Allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in night-time raccoon chases mentioned above; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally-recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required – contact Forest Supervisor’s office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Dogs prohibited during turkey-hunting season. Hunting-dog training prohibited in National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve and National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

[ADD]: Bird Dog Training Area: Only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the “dove field”. Bird dogs may be trained year round EXCEPT CLOSED during turkey season. Permit required from LDWF to use pen-raised quail.”